loped parallely during Phase I. Government sanction is being sought for enhanced funds needed for phase I activities.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. GEF 404 engines have already been procured for use as interim power plant. Concurrently indigenous design & development of Kaveri engine is under progress. Various is under active development and is options for procurement/indigenous development of avionics and electronic items have already been exercised. The LCA demonstrator expected to undergo first flight in Dec. 96.

Corruption in Army Supply Corps

4076. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI MOHD. MASUD KHAN:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain Army Officers of Army Supply Corps have been found involved in corruption relating to purchase of tinned butter which is unfit for human consumption;

(b) if so, what are the details therefor indicating the action taken against them;

(c) what are the details of the quantity of the purchase and the amount of loss sustained by the Department of Defence and whether any action has been taken to recover the same;

(d) what are the names of the suppliers involved in the deal in question and what action has been taken against each of them; and

(e) whether Government propose to black list the suppliers in question if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (e) The CBI registered a case on 6-6-91 against some officers of the Army Supply Corps and a private trader of Guwahati, for offences under the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947. It has been alleged that these officers, in collusion with the supplier, were responsible for purchase of 22 Metsic Tonnes of substandard tinned butter at exorbitant rates, for consumption of Army personnel, during May 1984 to June 1985. The Court has already taken cognizance of the matter and the case is under investigation.

Further action will depend on the outcome of the investigations and the Court proceedings.

India's contribution in processed food and its export in the world

4077. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated fruits and vegetables production in the country during the last three years, year-wise together with the quantity actually being subjected to processing;

(b) whether it is a fact that India has a small share of processed items in the world market in spite of its being a predominantly agriculture based country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the percentage of export of processed

food items by the end of said period? country has continuously declined during the last decade;

(d) if so, what was the comparative percentage of processed food items in the total export of the country during 1980-81 and 1990-91;

(e) whether Government have fixed any targets to increase the percentage during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(f) if so, the targets fixed for the export and production of processed food items by the end of said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) While the production of fruit was 28.24 million tonnes and that of vegetables excluding Potato and Onions were 40.96 million tonnes in 1989-90, no official estimates for production of fruit & vegetable for the period 1990-91, 1991-92 is available. It is estimated that less than 1 per cent of the annual production of fruits and vegetables are processed.

(b) to (d) The percentage share of export of processed foods excluding rice in the total exports of the country has been fluctuating from 2.21 per cent in 1980-81 to 3.17 per cent in 1981-82 and had declined to 1.79 per cent in 1990-91.

(e) and (f) While the targets of exports of processed foods is fixed by APEDA, this Ministry has projected exports of fruits and vegetables, meat & poultry products, Basmati and Non-Basmati rice and other processed foods to increase to Rs. 4500 crores in 1996-97. Exports of marine products also projected to increase to Rs. 3500 crores in 1996-97 making a total of export of Rs. 8000 crores of processed food products.

New proposals for setting up of Food Processing Industries

4078. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a staggering number of investment proposals worth crores of rupees for setting up processed food industries in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals including the ones received from foreign companies; and

(c) what action Government contemplate to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Since the Announcement of the new industrial Policy in July, 1991 enterpreneurs of the industrial undertaking are to file only a memorandum of information with the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA) in the Ministry of Industry for new projects for manufacture of articles not covered by the compulsory licensing or their substantial expansion. As per available information for the period between 1.8.91 to 30-11-92, 1844 such memoranda have been filed by entrepreneurs indicating a total investment proposal of Rs. 22,945 crores in the items of (a) prepared food stuff (1751 memoranda), and (b) beverages, spirits and vinegar (93 memoranda) Government have also received proposals from foreign companies, NRIs and overseas corporate bodies for investment in food processing industries in the country with or without collaboration with an Indian party. List of such proposals approved with foreign equity involvement is given in the annexure.

[*See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 74]